COS97104C1 (09710 1235)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Parmeshwar GOBIN et al.

Confirmation No.: 3054

Application No.: 10

10/822,509

Examiner: Ade, Oger Garcia

Filed:

April 12, 2004

Group Art Unit: 3687

For: WEB BASED INTEGRATED CUSTOMER INTERFACE FOR INVOICE

REPORTING

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of February 5, 2009, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute on the merits claims 21-39 (Group I), without prejudice to any divisional application that may be filed to cover the non-elected claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding restriction requirement for the following reason.

MPEP §803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

COS97104C1 (09710_1235)

The claims of the present application would appear to be part of an overlapping search

area (class 705, subclasses 34, 10). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the

outstanding Restriction Requirements on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire

application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be

withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of each of claims 21-40 be conducted.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is

hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to

such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

DITTHAVONG MORI & STEINER, P.C.

February 27, 2009 Date /Phouphanomketh Ditthavong/ Phouphanomketh Ditthavong Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Reg. No. 44658

918 Prince Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Tel. (703) 519-9952

Fax. (703) 519-9958

2